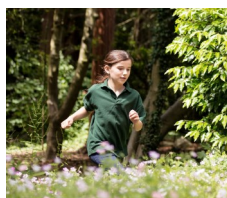




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 20th November, 2020



Dear Parents

GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

Good news! We have been contacted by the Good Schools Guide who would like to recognise our achievements by featuring Rydes Hill in their guide. We are thrilled to have been selected as the Good Schools Guide will only include schools on the basis of positive parent reviews.

We will be sending a Parentmail out shortly with a letter from one of their journalists, Victoria Newman. The Good Schools Guide is written for parents by parents so canvassing parental feedback is a vital part of what they do. She is therefore inviting all parents to send a few lines giving their opinion of Rydes Hill and your child's experience. All feedback is treated in complete confidence and although parents may be quoted in the Guide, their comments are always anonymous. More details will be included in the Parentmail letter and Victoria Newman's email address is victoria.newman@goodschoolsguide.co.uk

We would be so grateful if you could take the time to write a few words as we would love for more families to discover our 'small but mighty' School and parents' views play an incredibly important role.

BURSAR UPDATE

Mrs Pillar's last day at Rydes Hill will be next Friday 27th November. The Governors have appointed Mr Martin Halsall as Interim Bursar. Mr Halsall was most recently the Bursar at the Oratory Prep School and has been working on a handover with Mrs Pillar. We are also blessed with a superb Deputy Bursar in Mr Parr and he will be stepping up to take on additional responsibilities in this interim period. Mr Parr will be the point of contact for all matters bursarial in the coming months. Many of you know Mr Parr already so please do contact him if you have any questions regarding billing, bursaries or fees on finance@rydeshill.com

CLASSROOMS TO CARE HOMES

The Times Educational Supplement has started a Classrooms to Care Homes campaign this year, where they are asking children to write letters to care home residents. If your child would like to write a letter, draw a picture or send a Christmas card, they are welcome to do this at home and pass their letter to me and I will forward it on. The deadline for this is the end of term. Letters can talk about the things children are learning in class or what they like to do in your spare time. All letters and cards should just be signed with a first name.

REINDEER RUN

This week, the children have brought home their sponsor forms for the Reindeer Run which takes place next Thursday 26th November in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. This is a charity we have supported for many years but this year there is a particular significance for one of our families. I would like to share with you the impact the charity had on Mrs Soubry-Smith's family. She writes:

In mid-October, it became clear that my father (Zoe and Natalie's grandpa) was nearing the end of his life after a long battle with prostate cancer. One of his most important wishes was to stay at home, and this was particularly important now because the Covid-19 pandemic meant that visitors in hospitals and hospices were becoming extremely restricted. We didn't want him to die in a strange place surrounded by people he didn't know. So, my mum looked after him round the clock, and I took time off work to help out where I could. It was an exhausting and emotional time, but was only possible due to the amazing support provided by the Phyllis Tuckwell nurses. They visited regularly during the day to help us to look after him, and even sent people overnight sometimes to allow us to catch up with some much needed sleep. They supported my mum and I, and were so kind to Natalie and Zoe when they were visiting. Because of them, we were able to spend precious time with dad in his last days, and he was able to pass away surrounded by his family. We will be forever grateful!

I know that we ask a great deal of our families, and that we are in difficult times, but if you are able to support the Reindeer Run with your sponsorship this year, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Norville



FRHPS CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY

Children are invited to wear Mufti (own clothes) to School next Monday 23rd November in exchange for a minimum £2 donation to the FRHPS. A donation section has been set up in the 'payments / shop' section of ParentMail. As there are no cake sales this year, some of the proceeds from Mufti Day will go to classes to replace this. The remainder will replace the Christmas Fair fundraising and go into FRHPS funds. The minimum donation is £2 but the shop has been set up so that parents can donate any amount.

FRHPS CHRISTMAS TREES & CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

There is still time to order a FRHPS Christmas Tree or the beautiful bespoke embroidered Christmas stockings via the 'payments / shop' section of ParentMail.

We had incredible feedback on both the quality and value of the trees we sold through the School last year. The deadline for both items has now been extended to **Friday 27th November**.



THE RYDES HILL DOLLS HOUSE

The dolls house in our Entrance Hall has always been a firm favourite with our children and it has now been lovingly restored by Mrs Norville's Aunty, Miss Welchman, complete with Rydes Hill mini-furniture! She has also been busy creating costumes for our Christmas Nativity this year and we are very grateful for all she does for Rydes Hill .



Children today like to spend much of their free time online, often playing games such as Roblox. Whilst this can be fun, there may also be risks present in the game's content and chat features. Young people can also pose a risk to themselves through the choices they make whilst playing an online game. To help guide your child during the time they spend online and make it safe for them to access, I would like to recommend www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

Childnet have a whole range of easy to digest information pages on how to keep your child safe whilst online, from setting controls, family agreements, and even how to start talking to your child about online safety. Over the next few weeks, we will also be talking to the children in their Computing lessons about what they use the internet for and how they can keep themselves safe whilst playing games.



Mrs Wood



HOUSE NETBALL 2020

It has been a fantastic week for PE with two House Netball events taking place. Tuesday brought tough competition for our top two classes, the HP & F1 bubble. The girls put on a fantastic display of Netball skills with an incredibly close competition, the winner of the Senior Shield wasn't decided until the very last game had been played. On Thursday it was the turn of the LP & MP bubble who were competing for the Junior Shield. In line with the new changes for England Netball, the junior girls were playing a five a-side game and this was their first chance to show off their skills in a competition situation. All the girls played brilliantly with every single girl in the Prep department involved - a huge congratulations to everyone, well done!

The results for both events were;

Senior House Netball 2020

1 st place	Peter
2 nd place	Campion
3 rd place	Gerald
4 th place	Patricia

Junior House Netball 2020

1 st place	Gerald
2 nd place	Campion
3 rd place	Patricia
4 th place	Peter



IAPS #TEDVE Sporting Event

In the absence of any IAPS competitions or school fixtures taking place, IAPS have organised a virtual event led by their mascot 'Ted' #TEDVE (Ted's virtual event). This is an online event where mass participation is the aim. Activity challenges have been set and each child involved has their efforts recorded and sent in to IAPS. The PE Department have been busy incorporating this into lessons and club time and the girls are thoroughly enjoying the challenges, which are designed to take place either in school or at home for those having to self-isolate. At the last count there were over 66 schools Nationally who have signed up to be involved and we are really proud to include Rydes Hill in that number. You can see how other schools are getting on, lots of photos and videos have been posted on IAPS twitter #TEDVE.



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Grace F	Esmé H
Kindergarten	George O	Hannah C
Lower Trans	Serenna P	Stephanie B
Upper Trans	Jai S	Oliver H
Lower Prep	Tilly W	Emily B
Middle Prep	Mary K	Alyssa M
Higher Prep	Alina WC	Evie M
Form One	Imogen F	Angel L

Special Awards this week

Music Award: Astrid K (LP) for learning all her songs so diligently for music and choir

Science Award: Jaime P and Juliette D (LP) for lovely collaboration and teamwork during a practical lesson

RE Award: Isabelle HF (LP) for beautiful retelling of the Nativity story

PE Award: Amelia D (F1) for 'Player of the Tournament' in House Netball and displaying some really advanced skills

Ballet Award: Emily P (UT) for outstanding work

French Award: Tia A (KG) for active listening and excellent participation during her lesson relating to parts of the body

Special Award: Aurelia P (MP) for creating a poster about endangered animals as she was so worried about them

Kindness Award: Morayo F (F1) for being so polite and thoughtful when talking to Mrs O'Neill



You can raise triple donations with M&S this week, plus Double Donation Week is back! Raise increased donations for FRHPS, when you shop online using #easyfundraising. ShopDisney, notonthehighstreet, Argos, Tu Clothing, The Perfume Shop, New Look and more are doubling donations until the 22nd of November. Head over to: <http://efraising.org/uS3ksa90IH>



You shop. Amazon gives.

If you are an AmazonSmile customer, you can support Rydes Hill in the Amazon shopping app on your Android device! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. If you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, open the App on your Android device.
2. View Settings and select AmazonSmile.
3. Follow the in App instructions to complete the process.

TOP TABLE—FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Lower and Upper Transition:

Annabelle, Arya, Grace and Shayna

Lower and Middle Preparatory:

Isabelle, Ruby and Alyssa

Higher Prep and Form One:

Lily, Katie and Morayo



Happy Birthday!

17th November	Imogen F
19th November	Mehvish Y
28th November	Evie M
29th November	Kate M



The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/kindness?pid=MTA101634&v=10.10>

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
236	213	187	269

Odd Socks Day to Mark Anti-Bullying Week

